

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A suspension system having a composite beam. In a described  
5 embodiment, a suspension system for a vehicle having a frame is provided. The  
suspension system includes an axle and a beam interconnected between the  
vehicle frame and the axle. The beam has opposite ends, an elongated body  
extending between the opposite ends, and a metal end connection at one of the  
opposite ends. The body is made of a composite material.